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**Member Spotlight
Christine E. Drage, Esq.
AIA Las Vegas Allied Member**

I Am A Member Of The American Institute Of Architects (AIA) Because... I truly care about the profession. On the one hand, yes, I am a lawyer who makes money from representing architects, among other disciplines. On the other hand, I consider myself a trusted advisor to the individuals and firms in this industry, someone who can really help guide and manage the necessary legal aspects of every firm and project from start to finish, and through litigation if necessary, so the design professionals can focus on what they do best. I do not know of one architect who really wanted to be a lawyer instead!

I am one of the founding partners of W&D Law and have been a construction lawyer for over 24 years. I have represented and represent some of the largest and most prestigious design, construction, and project/construction management firms in the global A/E/C community, many of whom consistently rank among Engineering News Record's Top 500 firms. My experience includes complex litigation, mediations, arbitrations, and trials at the State and Federal Court levels and in tribal courts, as well as claims and risk management and extensive contract creation and negotiations on multi-million and multi-billion dollar public and private projects involving every type of delivery method and legal issue, including but not limited to delays and cost overruns, project suspensions, terminations, contract breaches, Force Majeure events, liens, property damage, catastrophic personal injury and death claims on construction projects and post-construction due to alleged design and construction failures. I have handled virtually every type of design and construction matter and legal issue in my career and work closely with clients and insurance carriers around the globe to effectuate consistently-successful results.



CHRISTINE E. DRAGE,
ESQ.

What is the most important thing you've learned? This is a loaded question! But, related to my legal representation of architects, there is simply no substitute for attention to detail and preparation from the beginning of every project, contract, and case.

Where will you be in 20 years? Still practicing law. I am incredibly fulfilled with my niche, endlessly interested in the legal issues and cases I am involved in, and very proud of my law firm and what we've accomplished for ourselves and the A/E industry.

What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with? Ruth Bader Ginsburg. I had the pleasure of meeting her and talking with her briefly when I was sworn in to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States years ago. I wished we had more of the most precious commodity – time.

How can architects provide "value add" to their clients? Architects already provide such tremendous value to their clients, but unfortunately, sometimes the value goes unrecognized or unappreciated.



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As we head into the fourth quarter of 2021, I can't believe my time as President of AIA Las Vegas is nearing an end. These next few months will bring more events and meetings for our members as we close out the year. The first upcoming event will be our AIA Las Vegas "Learn About / Turn About" Product show on Friday, September 17th at the Westgate Hotel & Casino. Make sure to mark your calendars and bring your team members to the product show. Our Allied members have stepped up this year, supported our chapter with a filled show and we should be excited to see what they will present.

On Saturday December 4, we will be hosting the AIA Nevada Design & Service Awards & Holiday Celebration again at the Four Seasons Main Ballroom. This is our annual Black-tie optional affair, and we are looking forward to celebrating everyone as we all get together again. We have some new sponsorship opportunities this year, so please reach out to the AIA Las Vegas office if you are interested in supporting this event. There are many other meetings coming up so look out for your weekly email update or [check our calendar online](#).

In August, we had our Membership Meeting at Forté Specialty Contractors as they generously hosted the meeting. This time there was no presentation, it was just a social event with drinks, hor d'oeuvres and great conversations. It was good to see our Architect, Allied and Associate Members, as well as students from UNLV's AIAS chapter talking about the changes we have been through in our businesses over the past year as well as what our local students are facing as they head back to UNLV. I want to thank Forté again for their sponsorship of the evening as well as the use of their office.

To wrap up my comments this month, I wanted to leave everyone with a quote from Sir David Adjaye who I got to hear speak live at A'18 AIA Conference on Architecture in New York City. "Buildings are deeply emotive structures which form our psyche. People think they're just things they maneuver through, but the makeup of a person is influenced by the nature of spaces." – Sir David Adjaye



JAMES HORVATH, AIA

Sincerely,

James Horvath, AIA

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If you're planning to shave or just donate, please CLICK below
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We only need to raise \$75,000 for the team history total to hit \$1 million. Let's do it this year!

Thanks for staying committed to St. Baldrick's!
See you at McMullan's on Sept. 18th! *Shave Time TBA.*



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AIA LV SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The September Membership Meeting IS the AIA Las Vegas "Learn About / Turn About" Product Show

scheduled for Friday,
September 17th at 4:00pm PST.

This event is sponsored by



No need to register! Just show up and bring your friends!
See you there.



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COFFEE with an ARCHITECT

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021 - 9:30am PST



Hosted by
Lee Hopkinson, AIA Allied Member Director



Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy a fun and informative virtual coffee break with
Joyce Orias, AIA.
Principal of Urban Architecture & Design

REGISTER here right now..... and be one of the first AIA Allied Members to join the conversation with Joyce!

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ANNOUNCING THE *(Live & In Person)* 2021 AIA Las Vegas “LEARN ABOUT / TURN ABOUT” PRODUCT SHOW

Sponsored by SunStone Building Specialties / Modernfold

Friday, September 17th at the Westgate Hotel & Casino

BOOTH SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE - [CLICK HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION

7:30am - 3:45pm
The "Learn About" Continuing Education Classes

SCHEDULE

7:30am to 8:00am - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00am to 9:00am - "Revolutionizing Flexible Space"
presented by SunStone Building Specialties 1 CE/HSW

9:15am to 10:15am - "How To Treat Concrete"
presented by Dunn Edwards Paint 1 CE/HSW

10:30am to 11:30am - "Sound Advice... The Role Of Sound Isolation in Ceramic Tile and Natural Stone Installations"
presented by the Noble Company 1 CE/HSW

11:30am to 1:30pm - Box Lunch Provided

1:30pm to 2:30pm - "Dollard For Design: Optimizing the R&D Tax Credit for Architects"
presented by Brayn Consulting 1 CE

2:45pm to 3:45pm - "Acoustics and Stretch Fabric Systems"
presented by Fabric Wallcraft of California 1 CE/HSW

These classes provides you with an opportunity to
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5 Classes provides 4 AIA CE/HSWs & 1 CE.

For Members, Fees are \$50 for all 5 classes

For Non-Members, Fees are \$75 for all 5 classes

Attendees will only receive CE credit for the classes that they have signed-in for in person.

RSVP deadline is Monday, September 13th at 5 pm.
No refunds after Wednesday, September 3rd at 5pm.

4:00 - 7:00pm
the AIA Las Vegas Product Show

Free Attendance - **OPEN TO ALL** - No Need to RSVP
Bring your friends & Lots of Business Cards
Lots of terrific door prizes, including cold, hard cash (!)
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This is just a sample of the great door prizes this year!

**If you don't attend any other AIA Meeting this year,
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**SAVE THE DATE!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

AIA NEVADA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AIA Nevada honors the achievements of exceptional AIA members and firms through this annual awards program. It is designed to recognize the significant contributions made to the profession of architecture and to the larger community through the various levels of AIA membership.

Nominations may be made by any AIA member or group of members by completing the Nomination Form with all the required information. The nomination form is available online at www.aianevada.org

Categories:

- The AIA Nevada Silver Medal
- The AIA Nevada Architecture Firm Award (*note criteria update*)
- The AIA Nevada Service Award
- The AIA Nevada AIA Nevada Young Architect Award
- The AIA Nevada Associate Member Award
- The AIA Nevada Allied Member Award
- The AIA Nevada Emerging Professional Leadership Award
- NEW - The AIA Nevada Citizen Architect Award

Timeline:

July 1
September 17
 October 1
 October 11
 October 12
 December 4

Call for Nominations
Nomination Forms Due
 Service Award Submittals Due
 Service Awards Jury
 Recipients Notified
 AIA Nevada Service Awards Gala

Nominations MUST be made in writing by letter, email or Nomination Form. If the Nomination is made via letter or email (instead of the Nomination Form) the Nomination MUST include all of the following.

- Category for which nomination is being made.
- Complete/accurate contact information for the nominee including name, address, phone, and email address.
- Complete/accurate contact information for nominator including name, address, phone, and email address.
- Complete and accurate statement of the reason this person is being nominated for this particular award, including description of contribution to the Chapter, profession, and community.
- Signature of both the Nominator and the Nominee indicating the nomination is accepted and a submittal will be provided as required prior to 4PM on Friday, October 1, 2021.

Nomination Forms and Submittal Instructions – [CLICK HERE](#)

The AIA Nevada Excellence In Design & Distinguished Service Awards Gala will be held at 6:00PM on Saturday, December 4th in The Four Seasons Grand Ballroom. RSVP's will open in September. Sponsorships Available Now.

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AIA NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

The AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards program is open to all AIA Nevada members who are licensed in the state of Nevada for projects located anywhere in the world, and to AIA members from other states who are licensed in Nevada for projects located in Nevada.

Submittal Categories:

- **Built Architecture** – Projects that have been completed and constructed since January 1, 2017
 - a) **Commercial Architecture** – Open to all Public and Private Commercial and Institutional Projects
 - b) **Commercial Interiors** – Open to all Public and Private Commercial and Institutional Interior Projects
 - c) **Residential Architecture / Interiors** – Open to Residential Architecture and Residential Interior Projects. This category includes both multi-family and single-family projects for both public and / or private clients.
 - d) **Hospitality Projects** – Open to all Hospitality-type projects including Resorts, Hotels, Lodges, Casinos, Restaurants, Entertainment Venues and projects related to tourism and recreational spaces.
- **Unbuilt Architecture** – Projects that have been commissioned by a client, or designed as part of a competition since January 1, 2017, but have not been built or may never be built. Since unbuilt projects are not required to meet the same criteria as BUILT and completed projects, this category may include all unbuilt projects – commercial architecture, institutional, public works, interiors, residential and hospitality projects.
- **Academic Projects** – Projects created for academic credit in a studio or class program since January 1, 2020. This category is open only to students who are currently enrolled in an architecture class for academic credit or students who have graduated from an architecture program within the current year for projects they completed while enrolled in an architecture program.

**Timeline:**

July 1 – Sept. 3	Call for Entries
September 3	Entry Forms and Fees Due
October 8	Design Award Submittals Due
October 11	Late Submittals Due (\$100.00 additional fee)
October 18	Design Awards Jury
December 4	AIA Nevada Design Awards Gala – Recipients Announced

ENTRY FEES

\$225.00	– per entry for Built / Unbuilt category
\$ 25.00	– per entry for the Academic category
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The success of our Chapter depends upon having strong leadership, and looking toward the future with a working Board of Directors that is composed of members who understand the value and purpose of the organization, and are willing to commit their time and resources to strengthening the Chapter. We need leaders who move the Chapter forward while upholding and protecting the profession. Ballots will be sent out via email to AIA architect and associate members this month. Voting ends on **September 26th at 11:59pm PST and results will be announced the next day.** The 2022 BoD will be sworn into office at the Holiday Celebration and Awards Gala on Dec. 4th, 2021, and will begin their service on January 1, 2022.

James Horvath, AIA 2022 President-elect Running Unopposed

I have served on the Board of Directors over the past several years and as 2021 President, which has been a very fulfilling role. I continue to learn what AIA can do for our members and I feel that I can bring some of those benefits to our chapter with another term as President. I am running for the President-Elect role in 2022 and another term as President in 2023 in hopes to bring a continuity to our chapter from the leadership side that will strengthen our chapter and prove successful as we look to our future. I believe the role of President-Elect and President requires a dedication and commitment that I am willing to pledge my efforts for our chapter and our members. I would be honored to continue my serve on the AIA Las Vegas Board and look forward to guiding our chapter into the future.



Rick Van Diepen, AIA 2022 / 2023 Treasurer Running Unopposed

I have enjoyed and learned a great deal about the financial operations of the AIA Las Vegas chapter as a result of serving as a Board member and Treasurer over the past year. I assisted the Board of Directors and chapter staff navigating through a tumultuous year in which our normal big revenue-generating events had to be eliminated or scaled back due to the ongoing pandemic. I directly assisted with fundraising, budget analysis, and lent my past experience in nonprofit management to help our organization modernize our financial reporting processes. The Treasurer position is a very important role in any organization and I would be honored to serve another term so I can continue to strengthen the financial health of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter.



Melvin Green, AIA 2022 / 2023 Director Running Unopposed

Melvin Green, Principal of KME Architects, has been designing projects for over 40 years. He has a vast amount of international experience and can seek licensure in over 18 participating countries. He has worked for leading companies in the Defense Contracting field for the Stealth Fighter Program at the Tonopah Test Range. He is a member of various organizations including the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council and the Las Vegas Chapter of American Institute of Architects. In 2016, he received the Mayor's Urban Design Award and won the 2018 National APWA Project of the Year award for the Historic Westside School Renovation.



Andrew Martin, AIA 2022 / 2023 Director Running Unopposed

Andrew Martin is a licensed architect with over 6 years of professional experience including the design of internationally recognized public, commercial and hospitality projects. Andrew holds a Bachelor of Science and Master's in Architecture from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Currently, Andrew sits on the Board of Directors for the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Las Vegas Chapter and continues to support and contribute to the design community and assists emerging professionals through his involvement with the National Council of Architecture Registration AXP (Architectural Experience Program). If reelected Andrew hopes to continue serving by broadening relationships with the AIA and the Las Vegas community.



Joyce Orias, AIA 2022 / 2023 Director Running Unopposed

It is thrilling and fulfilling to give back while serving on the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. Participation in the Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Committee AIA membership video, brainstorming ideas in the Disaster Preparedness Committee, and contributing watercolors to the Art Against Racism Gallery via Las Vegas Urban Sketchers are among my many enriching and rewarding experiences. Galvanized by resilience during the trying months of the covid pandemic, I proudly submit my application to serve for a second term on the Board. With grace, gratitude and grit, I bring my 25 years+ of entertainment and gaming design skills and business contacts, coupled with my equal rights advocacy, into the next 2 years. I humbly ask for your kind support and your vote.



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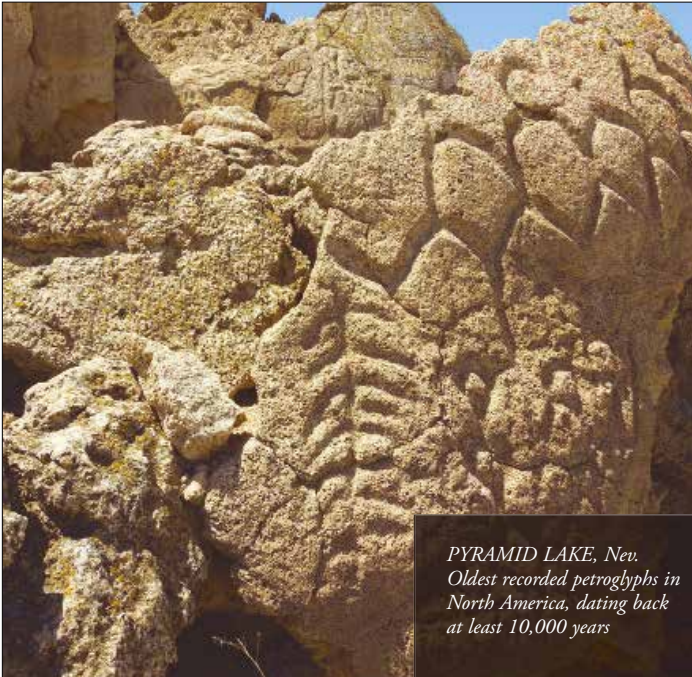
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AIA NEVADA /NSBAIDRD VIRTUAL C.E. SEMINAR IS SCHEDULED FOR

NOVEMBER 5TH

8:30am - 5:30pm

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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

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Session 1 - 8:00 - 10:00am

The Post Pandemic Built Environment

Presented by Thomas Fisher, Director, Minnesota Design Center

Break - 10:00 - 10:15am

Session 2 - 10:15am - 12:15pm

State Of The Industry: Modular Construction

Presented by Tom Hardiman, CAE, ED, Modular Building Institute

Lunch - 12:15 - 1:15pm

Session 3 - 1:15 - 3:15pm

Tricks of the Trade: Code Analysis From A Fire Protection Engr.

Presented by Jim Begley, PE, FSFPE, CFM, Founder

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Break - 3:15 - 3:30pm

Session 4 - 3:30 - 5:30pm

Presentation by International Well Building Institute

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After 24 years, Our good friend, Brian Woodward, of Fire Safety Engineers, has officially retired. He says that he's enjoyed his time and career in Las Vegas but he's off to discover new adventures in Guadalajara, Mexico.

As a side note, Fire Safety Engineers will also be closing their Las Vegas Office.

WELCOME NEW & REINSTATED MEMBERS!

ARCHITECT

Timothy Giles, AIA (rejoin)
Klai Juba Wald Architecture + Interiors

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A TRIBUTE TO TONY ILLIA

by Rick Van Diepen, AIA

I was surprised and saddened to learn about the passing of Tony Illia. Tony and I were friendly professional colleagues and I regret that I didn't make a better effort to get to know him as a friend because I really liked him as a person just as much as I liked and respected him as a professional journalist. I followed

Tony's work for years as a reporter covering the design, development and transportation industries and I had the pleasure of working with Tony on many occasions because he had a true passion for the environment and a dedication to researching and covering issues like green buildings, renewables and energy conservation.

Tony also had a passion for good design and architecture and he was a tremendous ally and friend to the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, writing numerous inciteful articles and lending his professional expertise in the publication of the annual Architecture Las Vegas magazine produced by the AIA Las Vegas Chapter.

More than anything I remember how much I always enjoyed talking to Tony on the phone or over cocktails at an AIA US Green Building Council event. He was a super intelligent and resourceful professional however he always took the time to get to know me as a person and as a result I had the pleasure of getting to know him as a person too. He shared his passions and opinions and was always incredibly kind, honest and genuine. Tony was a great man and I'm glad I got to call him my friend.



ESHENBAUGH APPOINTED TO NATIONAL AIA MEMBERS' VOICE TASKFORCE

2020 AIA Nevada President Dwayne R. Eshenbaugh, AIA has been appointed to the AIA Members' Voice Taskforce by AIA President Peter Exley, FAIA.

The Members' Voice Task Force shall study how individual members and member groups have a voice in influencing the direction of AIA. To this end, the task force is charged to:

- Analyze the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Strategic Council, and their accountability to the members.
- Examine the effectiveness of the Board of Directors and the Strategic Council, their relationship to one another, and to members and member groups.
- Make recommendations to increase governance transparency, accountability, and communication.
- Study the resources and processes required to allow for greater member input to the Board of Directors and the Strategic Council.
- Identify any cultural changes or process adjustments necessary to provide a meaningful and transparent connection between members and the organization.
- Study the resolutions process and whether this is the best method for members and components to surface issues they feel are important to the profession to the attention of the Board of Directors.
- Seek direction from the Board of Directors, when needed, to investigate additional areas of study.

The task force will work directly with a competitively selected consultant in framing the scope of the study and assisting the task force in completing its charge.

The task force will make periodic updates to the Board and to the Strategic Council, participate in town hall meetings with members, and ensure a process that is accessible for member input. The task force's initial findings and recommendations will be reported to the members at the annual business meeting in 2022, and its final recommendations will be reported at the annual business meeting in 2023.



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Chair: Troy Moser, AIA troy@moserarchitecture.com
Virtual Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm

AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee

Chair: Rick Van Diepen, AIA rick@GRNVision.com
Virtual Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30am

AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee

Co-Chair: Monica Gresser, AIA mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com
Andrew Martin, AIA martin.andrew.design@gmail.com
Virtual Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Allied Members Committee

Chair: Lee Hopkinson lee.hopkinson@uscad.com
Virtual Meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am

AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs Committee

Chair: Chris Lujan, AIA clujan@tska.com
Virtual Meeting Schedule 1st Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Co-Chairs: Melvin Green, AIA melvin@kmeearchitects.com
Sydney Katz, katz@spkatz.com
Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Education Outreach Committee

Chair: John Torpey, AIA jot751@aol.com
Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee

Co-Chairs: Monica Gresser, AIA mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com
Anna Peltier anna@arialandscape.com
Hybrid Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

AIA Las Vegas UNLV School of Architecture Committee

Chair: Glenn Nowak, AIA glenn.nowak@unlv.edu
Virtual Meeting 4th Wednesday of the month at 11:30am

AIA Las Vegas Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: John Sawdon, AIA johns@kmitstudios.com
Virtual Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am

AIA Las Vegas EPYAF Committee

Chair: Brandon McLaughlin, AIA bmclaughlin@lgainc.com
Virtual Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm

AIA Las Vegas Urban Sketchers Committee

Chair: Eric Roberts, AIA eric@kmitstudios.com
Virtual or In Person Meeting 2nd Friday or Saturday of each month at 10 or 11:00am

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COMMITTEE NEWS



AIA LAS VEGAS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

John O. Torpey, AIA
Chair

The new school year has started and hopefully the activities that we did last year remotely using Google Meets will be done in person this year. Based on my recent communication with CCSD and Private Schools, it appears that the schools will try their best to have

in person classes. We will have the opportunity to access their classrooms and students. It may mean that our volunteers will need to follow whatever protocols the school requires. Most likely this will mean a fully vaccinated person and mask requirement. We will know more as our faculty contacts have more information and we develop the programs for this year. It is still very early in the school year and schools are just opening up and having many issues that require their attention.

I have contacted Lead Coordinators with CCSD who will provide us with faculty names of those that plan on career fairs or direct presentations to their students. I've also been encouraged to get in touch with those instructor's who participated with us last year. I am hopeful that a number of them are teaching again this year and are open for us to visit their classroom. As the school year progresses and commitments are scheduled, we will have a better understanding of our volunteer hours required and what specifically will be needed to communicate to these students.

I am hopeful that this will be a successful year interacting with students and reaching out to inform them of what architecture is and their potential to develop a career in the profession.



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WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

Monica Gresser, AIA
Co-Chair

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How do we recognize, support, and encourage women leaders in our organizations, businesses, communities, and on our projects? Join the Women in Architecture panel discussion on Women In Leadership

When: Tuesday, September 28th at 4:00pm PST.

Where: The AIA Las Vegas Office

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UNLV SOA NEWS

Glenn NP Nowak, AIA, NCARB
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SITE VISITS WITH PROSPECTIVE INTERNS!

Do you have a project in or nearing construction?

Students from the UNLV School of Architecture would like to gain experience by visiting sites with a mentor. Contact Associate Professor – Glenn NP Nowak, AIA at glenn.nowak@unlv.edu or 702-885-7262 to coordinate a field trip of approximately 5-10 students.

EXPECTATIONS OF MENTOR (project architect)

- Opportunities to see the progress of a job over time are ideal; however, single visits to a site are acceptable
- The experience should be interactive with opportunities to discuss how issues related to the specific project were resolved
- The discussion should include why particular design decisions were made

EXPECTATIONS OF THE AXP PARTICIPANT (students)

- You should be able to review and discuss the project relative to the drawings
- You should interact with members of the design and construction industry involved in the project

RECRUITING ARCHITECT MENTORS!

The UNLV School of Architecture is bolstering its Clinical Internship program and preparing students for increased responsibilities in the profession. If you (individually or your firm) would like to play a supporting role, please email the School's Architect Licensing Advisor at glenn.nowak@unlv.edu or 702-885-7262 to be on our contact list for future programming!

Mentors can get involved in fall and/or spring semester activities:

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- Resume and Portfolio Critiques
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- ARE Study Sessions
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Each online lecture will be via Zoom with a 50-min presentation, followed by a Q/A session. The lectures are on Tuesday morning, 8.30am Pacific Time. The focus of the presentations is on

Research in Practice – Architectural Innovations

10/05

Tuesday, October 5, from 8.30 am to 9.40 am

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"Advances in Engineered Mass Timber Construction"

Speaker: **Chelsea Drenick**, WoodWorks

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11/09

Tuesday, November 9, from 8.30 am to 9.40 am

KieranTimberlake

"Applied Research in Architectural Practice"

Speaker: **Billie Faircloth**, FAIA, Director Research, KieranTimberlake

www.kierantimberlake.com

Moderation: The lectures are curated by Dr. Steffen Lehmann, Assoc. AIA, UNLV Professor of Architecture and Director of the Urban Futures Lab

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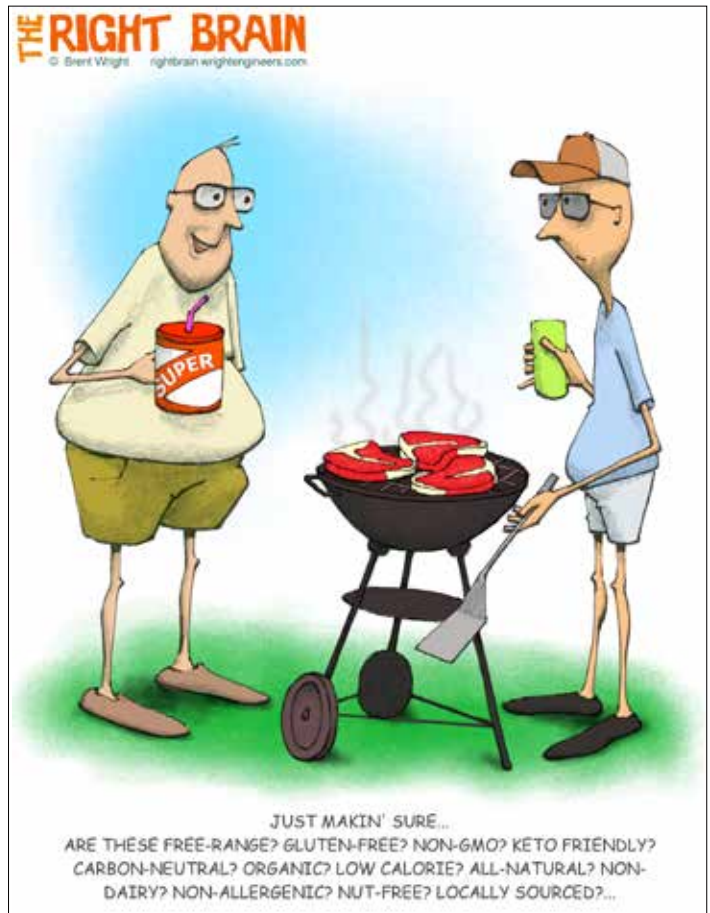


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Please Note! The 2021 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is happening! The last day of the conference is the first day of the Festival. This means the host hotel (**Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town**) will sell out quickly, so please don't wait to make your reservation. If you have an issue with room availability, please let AIA New Mexico know (505-328-3969) asap so they can work with the hotel on expanding the room block.

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CITIZEN ARCHITECT OF THE MONTH

DAVID CARROLL, AIA

David Carroll's journey as a Citizen Architect began simply. "I just started volunteering," Carroll said. One of his first volunteer projects was to help design, build, and crowdsource funding for a micro-chapel for Mobile Loaves & Fishes, an Austin, Texas-based nonprofit organization that serves homeless individuals. A book written by the organization's founder now features a photo of the building. Today, Carroll leads AIA Austin's advocacy efforts, sits on two Austin City Council-appointed committees, and works with a local neighborhood revitalization corporation to address the city's growing affordable housing needs. As part of his volunteer efforts, Carroll is helping Austin policymakers reform the city's Land Development Code and its Urban Design Guidelines. While reform can take time, Carroll said he has learned that city officials genuinely want architects as partners and their expertise at the policymaking table. [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE](#)



NOMINATE A CITIZEN ARCHITECT

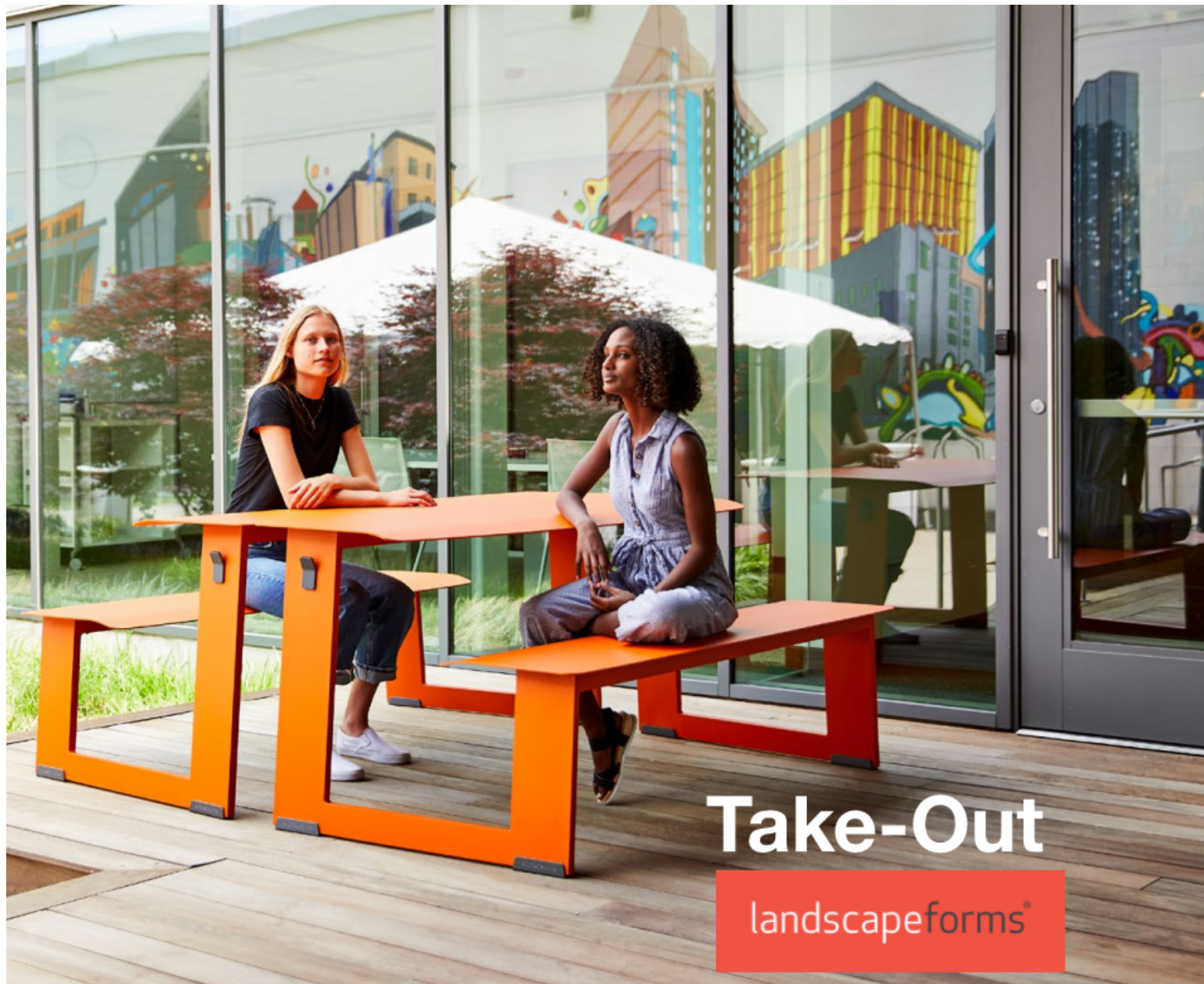
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AIA Film Challenge 2021

Submissions for the AIA Film Challenge 2021 are now closed. **Public voting will open on August 30**, where you will get to vote up to once per hour for your favorite film to win the People's Choice Award. The short films are between 1:30- to 3-minutes long and tell stories of architects, civic leaders, and their communities working together to achieve a zero-carbon, resilient, healthy, just, and equitable built environment.

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AIA LAS VEGAS CALENDAR

SEPT

- 3 AIA NV Design Forms & Fees Due
- 6 Labor Day
- 8 AIA LV Fall Directory Update Deadline
- 11 AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting
- 15 Coffee With An Architect featuring Joyce Orias, AIA
- 16 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting
- 17 AIA LV Learn About / Turn About Product Show
- 18 Bald By Design
- 21 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- 28 AIA LV WIA Committee Meeting
- Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 AIA WMR Conference
- 30 AIA LV Fall Directory Published

OCT

- Sept. 29 - Oct. 2 AIA WMR Conference
- 1 AIA NV Service Awards Submittals Due
- 5 UNLV Virtual Lecture "Woodworks"
- 6 Allied Appreciation Event
- 8 AIA LV Urban Sketchers Meeting "Old Mormon Fort" and
- AIA NV Design Award Submittals Due
- 11 AIA NV Service Jury and
- AIA NV Design Awards Late Submittals Due
- 12 AIA NV Service Awards Recipients Notified
- 18 AIA NV Design Awards Jury
- 19 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
- 21 Coffee With An Architect featuring Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA and
- AIA LV Membership Meeting hosted by the AIA LV Affordable Housing Committee
- 21 AIA Nevada ExCom Meeting
- 26 AIA LV WIA Committee Meeting
- 29 Nevada Day
- 31 Halloween